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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Steven Loke	2811

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 15-27 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 18 and 20-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 19,26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 15-17, 25 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

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1. The Ex parte Quayle action of the last Office action is withdrawn in view of a new ground of rejection.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract should disclose the structure of the device instead of the method to make the device. Correction is required.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The first sentence in line 1 of page 3 is similar to the sentence in the last line of page 2. It is believed that one of the above mentioned lines should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

4. Figure 3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

5. Claims 15-17 and 25 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 15, line 10, claim 16, line 10, claim 17, line 10, the phrase "the bottom" has no antecedent basis. Claim 17, lines 25-26, the phrases "DMOS", "MOSFET" and "IGBT" should be in full written form. Claim 17, line 25, the phrase "V-groove" is unclear

whether it is being referred to "a V-groove". Claim 25, line 1, the phrase "said body regions" has no antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

6. Claims 19, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 19, lines 1-7, the phrase "said at least one region further includes:....respectively" is vague and indefinite. Since claim 18, the parent claim of claim 19, discloses the at least one region is a second conductivity type region, the at least one region of said second conductivity is only directed to a semiconductor region of second conductivity type. It cannot be directed to the gate dielectric, the gate conductor, the first and second body regions, the drift region, and the first and second source regions as claimed in claim 19.

Claim 26, lines 1-2, the phrase "a circular cross-section" is vague and indefinite as to what direction is the circular cross-section being formed. Is the circular cross-section parallel to the horizontal surface of the semiconductor device?

Claim 27, lines 1-2, the phrase "said trench has a cross-sectional shape" is vague and indefinite as to what direction is the cross-sectional shape of the trench being formed. Is the cross-sectional shape of the trench parallel to the horizontal surface of the semiconductor device?

7. Claims 18 and 20-24 are allowed.

8. Claims 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Loke whose telephone number is (571) 272-1657. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:20 am to 5:50 pm.

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September 5, 2005

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Primary Examiner

